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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This letter hereby authorizes any Federal, Washington State or local government entity and any private entities **actively engaged in government sponsored Search and Rescue operations or training activities that have a state EMD issued mission number**, to operate FCC type approved mobile and portable radios on the frequencies 155.160 MHz (KRG779) and 155.2425 MHz (WQFY938) and 155.3025 (WQFY938) statewide. License information can be obtained from the FCC website. Use of these frequencies for actual search and rescue operations will be coordinated with other valid Search and Rescue operations for use on a non-interference basis until January 1, 2013, when these frequencies become primary. Use of these frequencies for Search and Rescue training activities will yield use to actual SAR operations. All use will be in accordance with Part 90.421 (d) of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations and subject to the conditions outlined below.

Frequencies will be identified and programmed as follows:

SAR	155.160 MHz	CSQ RX	Wideband until Jan 1, 2013
SAR 2	155.2425 Mhz	156.7/5A TX	CSQ RX
SAR 3	155.3025 MHz	156.7/5A TX	CSQ RX

Participants shall use their own radio identifiers (mobile call signs), including their agency name when operating on the frequencies, and are further required to identify the channel by announcing the SAR call sign (KRG779 or WQFY938) every 30 minutes or at the end of each conversation.

These frequencies are to be used for "Search and Rescue Operations and Training activities only". They are not to be utilized by any single function as a tactical, operational, or administrative type channel. SAR was previously approved by the FCC for other types of entities and users are advised to operate on a cooperative or non-interference basis with those other license holders of SAR frequency. SAR 2 and SAR 3 are exclusively licensed statewide for SAR activities under this license, WQFY938. License holder will not concur with any entities request to license these SAR frequencies based upon this letter of authorizing all entities use of these frequencies for SAR purposes. Essentially this is a procedure that will allow you full and orderly use of SARS 2 and SARS 3 along with saving you the cost of licensing and scrutiny in the frequency coordination process. In addition, this will preserve SARS 2 and SARS 3 for Search and Rescue entities in the State of Washington.

Transmitter power will be no more than 100 watts ERP. This authority permits operation statewide for all frequencies. Frequency identifications statewide will be SAR for 155.160, SAR2 for 155.2425 and SAR3 for 155.3025.

This authority expires concurrently with the expiration date of February 20, 2012 for SAR (KRG779) and November 11, 2016 for SAR 2 and SAR 3 (WQFY938). This frequency is monitored closely and abuse by any authorized user will result in immediate termination of the violator's agreement and authorization and possible FCC fines for the use of these frequencies for any other purposes than granted in this authorization.

If you have any questions, please contact me 253-512-7035.

Sincerely,

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